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# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Grand Canyon National Park  
P.O. Box 129  
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023-0129

Dear Interested Party:

Reference: Expansion at Grand Canyon School

Subject: Comments on the proposed kitchen expansion at Grand Canyon School (General Scoping)

The Grand Canyon School Board, along with the Arizona School Facilities Board, is asking Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP) to consider an expansion of the existing Grand Canyon school to provide an approximate 1,000 square foot kitchen. This expansion is proposed in order to comply with the Arizona State Facilities Board requirements and Coconino County Health Department codes for providing hot meals to students attending the school. The existing kitchen is approximately 400 square feet, and is not large enough to provide hot meals for the number of students currently enrolled at the school. Since the school began providing a hot lunch program in 1995, the Arizona School Facilities Board has conducted an assessment of schools in Arizona and determined that the Grand Canyon School does not have adequate space to provide a hot meal program. If the 1,000 square-foot expansion was approved, the existing kitchen area would be used for food storage.

Three site designs have been developed that would place the new kitchen either on the north or south side of the existing multi-purpose building. Two of the proposed designs encompass an area approximately 20 feet by 50 feet (1,000 sq. ft.). A third design option would encompass an area approximately 20 feet by 20 feet (400 sq. ft.) on the north side of the multi-purpose building. This option, however, would also incorporate the existing kitchen area into the design instead of that space being used for food storage. The proposed site designs are attached to this letter. If approved, the school board proposes to construct the kitchen during the summer (June – August) of 2002, while school is not in session.

The existing school is south of Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim of GCNP. Because the proposal involves federal land and requires federal action, an Environmental Assessment and Assessment of Effect (EA/AE) will be prepared to facilitate the decision-making process for this project. The cost to construct the new kitchen would be the responsibility of the school board.

The purpose of this scoping letter is to describe the initial proposed action for the project and to solicit comments from those who may have issues or concerns regarding the proposal. Before we begin the environmental analysis for this project, we would like to hear your viewpoints on the action that is being considered and any issues or concerns you have regarding the proposal. Please send your comments to the address below, or email Sara White, Compliance Officer, at [sara\\_white@nps.gov](mailto:sara_white@nps.gov), no later than December 3, 2001.


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NOTE: Please be aware that names and addresses of respondents may be released if requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you want us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Anonymous comments may be included in the public record. However, the National Park Service is not legally required to consider or respond to anonymous comments.

We appreciate your input on this project. If you have any questions regarding the project, please call Mr. Ray Vernon, Grand Canyon School, at 928-638-2461.

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the EA/AE when it is complete, please contact Sara White at the address above, or at 928-638-7956, or at [sara\\_white@nps.gov](mailto:sara_white@nps.gov) and one will be sent to you during the comment period. Please be aware that the EA/AE and other environmental documents are available on the Park website at [www.nps.gov/grca/mgmt/](http://www.nps.gov/grca/mgmt/).

Sincerely,

  
for Joseph F. Alston  
Superintendent

Enclosure

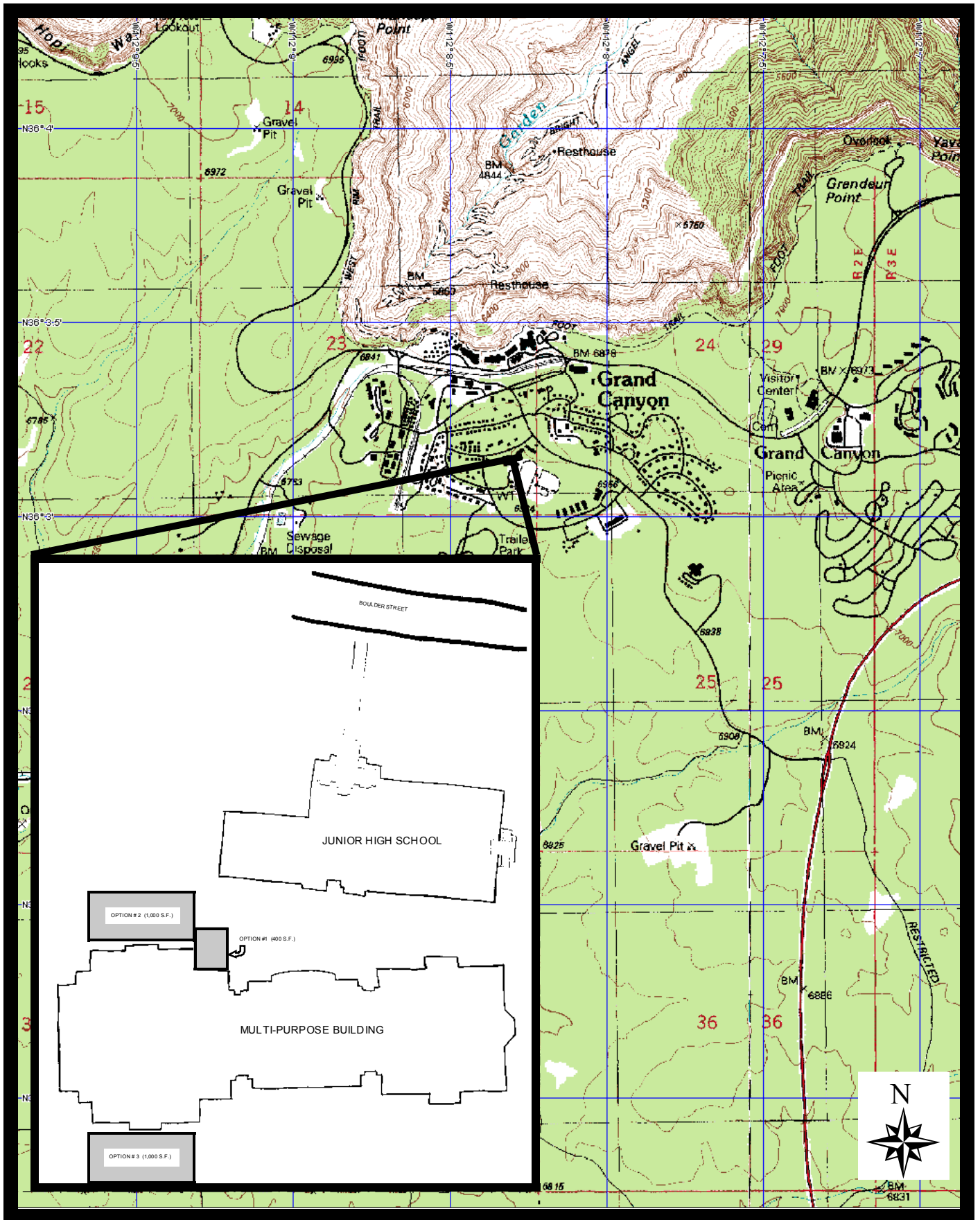


Figure 1. Project Area Map



Scale 1 inch = 24,000 feet